GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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SETTING UP OF FOOD PARKS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government or its agency APEDA has madeany efforts to identify the horticultural produce/locations for setting up Food Parks in the country; and

(b) if so, the items shortlisted and locations chosen?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does notset up food parks of its own but provides financial assistance for creation of common facilities. Food parks provide infrastructure for setting up of food processing industries. While identifying potential for setting up of food parks, prospective promoters assess inter-alia availability of raw material including horticultural produce. APEDAunder Ministryo f Commerce through Agri Export Zonesattempts to take a comprehensive look at a particular produce/products located in a contiguous area for the purpose of developing and sourcing t h e r a w materials, their processing/packaging, leading to final exports. The Ministry also coordinates with APEDAto synergise the developmental efforts through food parks and Agri Export Zones.